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ABSTRACT:

  PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED: To quickly and more accurately decide whether a
collision form of a vehicle is a head-on collision or not.

  SOLUTION: When the **collision** form of the **vehicle** is the head-on **collision,**
normalization of a locus for time of a time integrated value of deceleration
detected by a floor sensor mounted in the vicinity of a center console of a
vehicle gives the normalized locus accurately approximated to a **quadratic**
curve. When the **collision** form of the **vehicle** is a symmetric **collision** except
the head-on **collision,** the locus normalized in the same way is remarkably
deviated from the **quadratic** curve. By using the result, whether the **collision**
form is the head-on **collision** or not is discriminated. Because the time
integrated value of deceleration required for the discrimination is required
till an initial stage of the **collision,** the discrimination can be performed at
the initial stage of the **collision**.